

REMARKS

Claims 19-46 were pending prior to this response. By the present communication, claim 42 is cancelled without prejudice. The amendments add no new matter, the claim amendments being fully supported by the specification and original claims. Accordingly, claims 19-41, and 43-46 are currently pending.

Claims 41 and 42

This Preliminary amendment is being filed to correct errors as to the status of claims 41 and 42. The Examiner notes in the Advisory Action mailed June 30, 2003 that due to errors in the designation of claims 41 and 42, "it is unclear as to applicant's intent as to the status of claims 41 and 42" (Advisory Action, page 2).

Claim 41 was omitted in error from the set of pending claims submitted in the Supplemental Response mailed on May 30, 2003 (Paper 36). In addition, claim 41 was mistakenly described as cancelled at page 4 thereof. Claim 41 is currently pending as "Previously added." Applicant's intention was to cancel claim 42 since the limitation of claim 42 was incorporated into claim 19. Therefore, in the set of pending claims above, claim 21 has been included as "Previously added" and claim 19 has been cancelled.

In view of the Examiner's acknowledgement that the claims appear to be free of the prior art heretofore cited, and the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

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